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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7017**

Mitsuaki OSHIMA et al. : **Docket No. 2000\_1327**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the specification and abstract with the attached substitute specification and abstract.